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SUMMARY - CHARGES AGAINST VAZQUEZ BROADENED TO INCLUDE
IPS/LIMA, ACCORDING TO PERUVIAN EMBASSY HERE. IPS HAS
STAGED PRESS CONFERENCES CONDEMNING REPRESSION OF IPS/LIMA
AND DEPICTING PERU AS "NEW CHILE".

1. DECEMBER 16 DENNIS SMALL, IPS/NEW YORK, REPORTED THAT
VASQUEZ, IPS/LIMA, WAS TO APPEAR THAT DAY FOR ORAL
DEPOSITION BEFORE JUDGE OF MILITARY COURT. LATTER, ACTING
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AS ONE-MAN GRAND JURY, WOULD THEN HAVE TEN DAYS IN WHICH
TO DECIDE WHAT CHARGES WOULD BE ISSUED AGAINST VASQUEZ
AND IPS. JUDGE MAY ALSO DECIDE TO DETAIN FIVE OTHERS
CITED IN ORIGINAL "ATTESTADO", INCLUDING MRS. VASQUEZ,
NOW CHIEF LOCAL IPS REP NOT UNDER DETENTION.

2. SMALL CHARACTERIZED EARLIER-REPORTED CHARGE THAT VASQUEZ HAD BURNED PERUVIAN FLAG (REF A) AS OUTRAGEOUS AND INTOLERABLE. ON LEARNING THE CHARGE HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY PERUVIAN EMBASSY/WASHINGTON, SMALL RESOLVED TO MAKE

"FULL EXPOSURE" OF IRRESPONSIBLE GOP ACTION.

3. PRIOR TO ABOVE, IN CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF DECEMBER 15, ALFREDO RAMOS, DCM/PERU EMBASSY, HAD CORRECTED RECORD AND ADVISED CHARGES WOULD BE MUCH BROADER AND NOT RPT NOT AGAINST VASQUEZ AS INDIVIDUAL BUT RATHER AS REP OF IPS.

4. RAMOS LATER SENT STATEMENT IN SPANISH OF REASONS FOR CLOSURE IPS OFFICE. COPY BEING POUCHED LIMA. SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

A) IPS/LIMA HAD VIOLATED ARTICLES 9,29 AND 47 OF PRESS LAW OF 1974 - RELATING TO REGISTRATION WITH GOVERNMENT OF BASIC INFORMATION ON A PRESS AGENCY IN PERU; REGISTRATION FOR PROLONGED STAY IN COUNTRY; AND PROHIBITION ON IMPORT, CIRCULATION OR SALE OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS ATTACKING "INTEGRITY, SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF PERU, PRESTIGE OF STATE POWERS, AND MORALITY AND GOOD BEHAVIOR". B) POLICE HAS SEIZED FLYERS FROM IPS/LIMA ENTITLED "PROGRAMS FOR WORKER UNIFICATION IN PERU" WHICH CALLED ON LABOR TO SUPPORT STRIKES AND FORM REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES. ALSO SEIZED COPIES OF U.S. LABOR PARTY JOURNAL "NUEVA SOLIDARIDAD" WITH ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND FALSE INFORMATION INTENDED TO DIVIDE THE ARMED FORCES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C) FOR INTERVENING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (AND FOR WORKING ON TOURIST VISA), GRECHIN SMALL HAD BEEN DETAINED AND ORDER ISSUED AGAINST HER REENTRY, FOLLOWING HER RELEASE AND DEPARTURE FROM PERU. VASQUEZ ALSO DETAINED AND IS SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION. ONE OTHER IPS EMPLOYEE CITED, CESAR MONGENEGRO MELENDEZ, RELEASED ON OCTOBER 22. D) NO MENTION IN STATEMENT OF EARLIER - REPORTED CHARGES OF "ULTRAJE DE LOS SIMBOLOS NACIONALES.." (REF A) OR BURNING OF PERUVIAN FLAG.

5. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF DECEMBER 16, SMALL SAID ON THAT DAY FIVE PRESS CONFERENCES HAD BEEN HELD -- BY HIMSELF IN NEW YORK BEFORE UNITED NATIONS (REPORTEDLY FILMED FOR MEXICAN TELEVISION); BY OTHERS IN MEXICO CITY (A "SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE" - FOUR NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES SHOWED UP); IN WASHINGTON (NO NOTICE IN PRESS DECEMBER 17-18); AND IN STOCKHOLM AND ROME. AT THESE PRESS CONFERENCES, SMALL STATED, A FULL EXPOSURE OF

THE "CHILEANIZATION" OF PERU WAS RELEASED; COPIES
BEING SENT TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, UN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ETC. BRIEF DESCRIBES "PERSECUTION"
OF IPS/LIMA, AND PROCLAIMS IT IS PART OF BROAD INSTITUTION
OF REPRESSIVE FASCIST REGIME IN PERU, ENCOURAGED BY USG,

AMERICAN BANKS, ETC. SMALL SAID HE WOULD SEND COPY;
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